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Inventors: M.C. Johnson

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Title: GAS PURIFICATION APPARATUS

Examiner: Thanh P. Duong

AND PROCESS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND ACCOMPANYING FEES

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned Attorney respectfully petitions the Hon. Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for taking action in the above-identified application for a period of time indicated in the box below.

(1) Original Period for Response was Set to Expire on:

11/24/2004	
(Month/Day/Year)	

(2) Statutory Period Expires

2/24/2005	
(Month/Day/Year)	_

Extension now requested (NOT TO EXCEED STATUTORY PERIOD) is for three months from date (1) above.

Please charge the extension fee of \$1,020 and any additional fee which may be required for this Petition and/or Response, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-2440. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 23, 2005

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